

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 758
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to recognize the many contributions of Zollie Henslee Bibb, Jr. of White Bluff on the occasion of the observance of the bicentennial celebration of the founding of Dickson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are particularly pleased to celebrate historic milestones in the histories of the counties of this state and to specially recognize the significant contributions of leading citizens of such counties and their communities to their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, one such progressive community is Dickson County, which has been celebrating its bicentennial, and one such outstanding citizen is the late Zollie Henslee Bibb, Jr., a prominent farmer, businessman, public official, civic activist, and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Zollie H. Bibb, Jr. was born in White Bluff and grew up in the old family homeplace built by his grandfather, Richard Baxter Bibb, on the intersection of Old Charlotte Pike and Highway 47; he was the son of the late Zollie H. Bibb, Sr. and Georgia Elizabeth Long Hall Bibb; and

WHEREAS, his father was a mechanic and owner of Bibb's White Bluff Motor Company and his mother was a homemaker and energetic overseer of the many family enterprises established by Richard and Minnie Bibb and operated from the homeplace; and

WHEREAS, Zollie Jr. graduated from William James High School in 1934 and like his father, farmed and ran the family motor company; on June 8, 1941, he married Mary Hazel Clark, who had also graduated from William James High School, as well as Falls Business College in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 1941, Zollie Bibb, Jr. enlisted in the United States Army, serving until November 7, 1945, when he was discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant; as

a result of his valorous service, he received the World War II Victory Medal, A MER DEF Service Medal, ATO Medal, EAMETO Medal, and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a tragic fire in White Bluff in 1950, the lives of two children were lost due to the lack of a dependable water supply and a formal firefighting organization; under the leadership of Zollie Bibb, Jr., water wells were dug, supply lines were laid, and a water district was formed with Mr. Bibb as director. He also organized a Volunteer Fire Department, loaned money to buy the first fire truck, housed it in his garage and served as Volunteer Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, building on the successful organization of a credible fire fighting operation, Zollie Jr. and other community leaders formed an Industrial Board with Bibb as chairman and began to recruit industry to provide jobs for the community; he also played a vital role in the development of the William D. Field Industrial Park in Dickson as a member of the Dickson County Industrial Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bibb continued to farm and operated the White Bluff Motor Company until his death in 1989, as well as a GMC truck dealership, White Bluff Auto Parts, D&C Auto Parts in Dickson, and Lynchburg Auto Parts; he also established Bibb, Inc. to haul milk and other dairy products for dairy farmers, served as a director of Farmers and Merchants Bank, and invested in real estate; and

WHEREAS, Zollie Bibb, Jr. served as a Justice of the Peace and Magistrate on the Dickson County Quarterly Court from 1972-78; a life-long Democrat, he was an ally of Governor Frank Clement and served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City. The White Bluff Bibb-Larkins Town Hall is named for him; and

WHEREAS, Zollie Jr. and Hazel Bibb were the proud parents of sons Richard Clark and Harold Long Bibb, both highly successful and influential men in their own right; and

WHEREAS, Zollie H. Bibb, Jr.'s long and outstanding contributions to the growth and prosperity of his community and Dickson County are worthy of our deep appreciation and have clearly helped make the City of White Bluff and Dickson County what they are today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the citizens of Dickson County in celebrating their bicentennial and in specially honoring the many laudable contributions of Zollie Henslee Bibb, Jr. to the growth and prosperity of Dickson County and to the admirable quality of life enjoyed by its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to family members of Zollie H. Bibb, Jr. with this final clause omitted from such copy.